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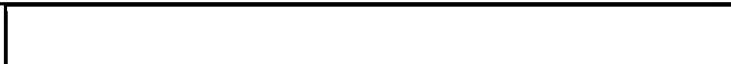
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Cyprus: [Greek Premier Papandreou is convinced that President Makarios is working against enosis and for a neutral Cyprus.]

[Papandreou informed the US ambassador in Athens that there is deep disagreement between Athens and Nicosia. He believes that Makarios would support enosis only if it became inevitable, and then only on his own terms, without military bases on the island.]

[Papandreou continues to urge enosis with a NATO base on Cyprus which would include a Turkish presence. He claims both Lord Mountbatten and Harold Wilson have expressed British willingness to give up one of their two bases on Cyprus for such a NATO installation.]

[Papandreou believes the Greek Cypriots failed to get a guarantee of Soviet intervention in case of Turkish attack. He also believes that whatever Soviet material aid is to be provided will be "limited and not very effective."]

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[There has been no progress toward solving the impasse over opening the Nicosia-Kyrenia road. Turkish Cypriots continue to reject the agreement worked out between Turkey and the Greek Cypriots.]

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South Vietnam: [Premier Khanh's intentions regarding his role in a new government remain unclear.]

[His publicized letter urging the High National Council to choose a successor premier, and permit him to return to military duties, by the 27 October deadline appears designed to demonstrate his good faith in promising a return to civilian rule. At a press conference on 9 October, he also indicated his desire to step down, and told a US-Vietnamese pacification planning session the same day that "I only have fifteen days left."]

[Some generals among the younger commanders who have been supporting Khanh have told US observers that Khanh definitely hopes to retain power. They claim that he is considering the idea of a national referendum to demonstrate that he has a popular mandate. Khanh's public assurances that the armed forces will support a civilian government have been conditioned by provisos that "it does not betray the people."]

[The uncertainty attending the transition to a new government appears to be encouraging maneuvers among various rival factions in the civilian populace.]

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NOTES

Cuba-USSR: [President Dorticos' forthcoming visit to Moscow, announced on 10 October, presumably is a result of the Soviets' continuing effort to generate support in preparation for the conference of Communist parties in December. There is no indication that economic or military aid will be the prime purpose of any discussion. The Castro regime has been very reluctant completely to abandon its efforts to remain neutral in the Sino-Soviet dispute, and is reported to have decided to attend the December conference only after Moscow exerted considerable pressure.]

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Israel-Syria: [Syrian troops on 7, 8, and 9 October opened fire on Israeli farmers working in disputed areas of the demilitarized zone. The Israelis have indicated they plan to continue working in the disputed area and hinted that they will react strongly in the event any Israeli is killed or seriously wounded. The Israelis are especially well prepared to react forcibly at this time, due to reserve call-up exercises of an unusual size and duration and the normal fall training activities of the Israeli Army.]

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